Clerkships with the Michigan Court of Appeals

The Judges of the Michigan Court of Appeals select their law clerks almost exclusively from the pool of central staff attorneys in the Court's Prehearing Division. If a Judge is willing to accept applications from persons outside the Court, he or she will post the clerkship on the Court Employment Opportunities webpage. Absent such a posting, persons interested in clerking at the Court of Appeals should apply for a staff attorney position with the Prehearing Division.

The Prehearing Division recruits third-year law students for positions that begin after the students have graduated and taken the bar examination. In-state law students should sign up through their school's Career Service Office for on-campus interviews with Ms. Julie Isola Ruecke, the Court's Research Director, during the late summer or early fall. Out-state law students should send their application materials directly to Ms. Ruecke no later than September 31. Interviews of out-state law students, if desired, will be scheduled at one of the Court's office locations in October or November.

Licensed attorneys may apply for positions at any time, although the scheduling of interviews will depend on the Prehearing Division's needs at the time.

All interested persons should send a cover letter, résumé, law school grade transcript, and one writing sample to Ms. Ruecke at:

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Those materials may also be emailed to Ms. Ruecke at JIsola@courts.mi.gov.